GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4689
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PAK REFUSAL ON TRANSIT FACILITIES TO AFGHANISTAN
DAGGUBATI RAMANAIDU;M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has refused transit facilities to India for sending humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken at the International level to tide over the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)-(b) Pakistan has not allowed trade related and some other Indian products, including humanitarian assistance items such as wheat, destined for Afghanistan to enter through the India-Pakistan border.

India-Afghanistan trade and economic relations continue to strengthen, and supply of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan continues through commercially available channels and routes.